

FAMILY TROUBLE IS AILED IN COURT

Durham County Man Admits He Has Bought No Clothes For His Wife in 18 Years

Durham August 2.—Charlie Hicks pleaded guilty to the indictment of not having purchased a bit of raiment for his wife in eighteen years, but atonement for the sin of omission was sought behind his views of woman's rights: "It is a woman's place to hold her tongue and not keep up her racket." By the same unsound reasoning Charlie had unmercifully beat his wife and the incompatible relations in the farmers household were intimately related in "Squire R. A. Harris" court this afternoon. The imprints of a tightly quenced fist behind the ear of Mrs. Minnie Hicks were self-confessed evidences of Charlie Hicks that wife-beating was not an extinct practice within four and one-half miles of the city of Durham.

The trial was imbued with all the pathos, humor and sentiment incident to a storm-tossed household. Charlie Hicks is a farmer of Oak Grove township and was married twenty-six years ago. The matrimonial lines did not fall in pleasant places. To enforce a policy that his wife buy her own clothes from money earned from farm work was destined to work hardship and create ill-will. And when Attorney Brogley pointedly inquired of Charlie Hicks whether he had furnished raiment for his better half, Hicks spoke with wounded pride, "She tended her own tobacco patch." To supply the household with a diet of meat and bread was good enough for a king according to Hicks and he resented his wife's insinuation that the food was not choice enough.

Pleads His Own Case

The farmer plead his own case in court and only asked for an explanation. "She threw my mother in my face and hates the ground which she is buried in," vehemently uttered the defendant. "She would not cook my breakfast for me and many a day I ate dewberries for a breakfast. She broke the gun and front door and would have torn my clothes had I not run every clip."

Turn to the other side of the picture Minnie Hicks is an impressive wisp of a woman, and according to the evidence had courageously borne the brunt and hardships of an impulsive household. Charlie has been convicted once before of wife-beating. She had equipped a modest country home with furnishings from the funds and savings of a daily laborer's toil. Her husband admitted that she had equipped the home. The recompense was a heap of abusive language. Her final testimony to the court was: "I reckon since he thinks I am a burden to him we had better separate, but I want half of the property and my freedom."

Held for Superior Court

The defendant goes to the Superior court under a bail of \$100, and a peace bond will likely temporarily adjust the unpleasantness in the troubled household. Charlie Hicks' gift of gab wedged in a final peremptory command to the magistrate: "It's no use of this bond and court over this trifle of a matter."

N. Y. MAY HAVE THE GREATEST CAR STRIKE IN HISTORY

Thirty thousand Surface Car Men Threaten Take Tie-up to Elevated and Subway Lines

New York, Aug. 1.—New York's 15,000 miles of street car lines were threatened with the most complete tie up in history today. Right to unionize is the issue. Unless it is granted 30,000 surface car workers threaten to carry the strike to the elevated and subway. The tie-up even of surface lines would seriously hamper business.

FLOOD RELIEF BILL BLOCKED

Objection by Republican Leader Mann Prevents Passage by House

Washington, Aug. 2.—Objection by Republican Leader Mann prevented passage by the House today of the resolution appropriating \$540,000 for relief of flood sufferers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. The resolution was passed yesterday by the Senate. The resolution takes its regular place on the House calendar, but Southern representatives expect to make another effort to have it passed in the near future. When it adjourns today the House will not meet again until Friday.

Representative Mann objected to immediate consideration of the resolution when representatives from the Southern States demurred to an amendment which would subtract from the Southern States' allotment of the Federal good roads fund the amount of money proposed to be spent out of the flood relief fund for repairing damaged highways.

ALLIES MUST WIN TO PUNISH THOSE WHO BEGAN STRIFE

Conflict Cannot be a Draw, Says Lord Newton—The "Blood Guilty" Must Pay Penalty.

London, Aug. 2.—The war won't be a draw. The Allies will surely win, resulting in a new world and conditions of comity and better understanding," declared Lord Secretary for Foreign Affairs Lord Newton, in a statement to the United Press Wednesday. The Allies must win to bring punishment to the "blood guilty," and new hope to the oppressed, he stated.

—If you know an item of news, send it to The Commonwealth.

NEWSPAPER PESTS' WILL BE PUT PUT OUT

Says Only the "Mollycoddles" and Sissies Among the Guardsmen Who Complain of Their Hardships

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 1.—General Funston tonight sent to the War Department at Washington a telegram announcing his intention to rid the various National Guard camps of newspaper correspondents who send out false accounts of conditions in the camps. He referred to such correspondents as "pests" and said he had endured them as long as he proposed to.

An order has been sent to all district commanders along the border covering future action against newspaper men sending out dispatches which may be called untruthful. In each instance the offender will be tried by a special court of militia officers from his state. If found guilty he will be ordered from camp.

"The great mass of the guardsmen are standing the hardships of camp life well," said General Funston, "and have no cause for complaint. It is only mollycoddles and sissies who kick. These are the ones who tell tales to special correspondents."

The general's telegram, which was sent to the adjutant general, said, "I wish to call attention of the War Department of the carnival of lying being indulged in by many of the correspondents who accompanied the state troops to the border. I have never seen or heard of anything that approaches it for sheer maliciousness and shamelessness."

"While there are honorable exceptions, many of these correspondents are men of no judgment or balance or have so little experience of the work that they seem to have no sense of balance or proportion. Ordinary inconveniences or deprivations, that to a man with real soldierly instincts are merely subjects for jokes, are magnified by them into the most distressing stories."

"They persistently neglect to say anything about the excellent and creditable things that they see, and if they can see nothing to find fault with, they manufacture out of whole cloth. The effect is to distress needlessly the families and friends of members of the state organizations and make people of other nations think we are a degenerate race of sissies and mollycoddles incapable of being made into soldiers. I have endured these pests as long as I propose to and shall hereafter bar offenders from camps and prohibit them from accompanying troops on the march."

19 BOYS BORN TO ONE COUPLE

Corning, Ark., Aug. 1.—Frank Scott and his wife of Kensett have been married ten years. Nineteen boys have been born to them. Six died at birth and of the thirteen living there are three sets of triplets and two sets of twins. The parents have been partial to the letter "A" of the alphabet in naming them Ashbell, Archer and Austin are four and a half years old; Arthur and Arnold three and a half; Alfred, Albion and Adolph, eighteen months, and Abel and Abner, six months.

TROOPS SCOUR BORDER FOR BANDITS

Large Number of Mexican Marauders Are Reported to Have Crossed the Line During the Night

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 2.—Two troops of the Eighth Cavalry under command of Captain William Kelley, Jr., are scouring the gulches and canyons between Finlay, Texas, and Fort Hancock, about seventy miles east of here, in search of bandits.

The cavalry is supported by a battalion of the Twenty-third Infantry rushed from El Paso to Fort Hancock early today in response to reports to General George Bell, Jr., commanding the El Paso military district, that bandits in large numbers had crossed the Rio Grande in that vicinity.

There had been various rumors here through the night of bandit activities in the neighborhood of Fort Hancock. One version had it that a band of a hundred or more Mexicans crossed the line to avenge the deaths of the Mexican cattle thieves shot down Monday in the fight with an Eighth Cavalry detachment about six miles from the fort.

First reports from General Bell from the cavalry column said three hours search of the hills disclosed no trace of bandits.

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OAK CITY ITEMS

Miss Pauline Beverly arrived from Norfolk Tuesday and is spending a few days here with friends.

Miss Ethel and Blanche Everett were in town Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Hyman was here a short while Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. and Miss Emily Hines were in Hamilton Monday morning.

Miss Helen Council of Hamilton spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of Miss Emily Hines.

Rev. T. J. Crisp and Rev. Mr. Rosser of Whitakers are holding a series of meetings here this week at the Missionary Baptist Church.

Whether the former chief of police of Danville can render efficient service under his correct name of T. E. Stripling, and when his record has been laid bare, as he did when a fugitive from justice under the assumed name of Morris, is a matter of speculation, but at any rate, it was a nice thing for the Council of Danville to proffer him his old place as soon as he had been liberated from the prison of Georgia. I go to show that there are instances where a man, who has served a prison sentence, can get another chance and a great many of them are worthy of such consideration.—Kinston Free Press.

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

At a meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee, held at Halifax on the 10th instant it was ordered that the Primaries for the Nomination of Candidates for the County and Township Offices, and Members of the County Road Board be held on Thursday, August 3rd.

The Polling places in each Precinct will be open from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. All Democrats who expect to abide the results of the primary are invited to participate in the primary and vote for the candidates of their choice.

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Morning Service—11:00.
Evening Service—7:45.
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting—7:45.

Baptist Church
Rev. R. A. McFarland, Pstor
Sunday School—9:45.
Morning Service—11:00.
Evening Service—7:45.
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting—7:45.

Episcopal Church
Sunday School—9:45.
Morning Prayer and sermon—11:00.
Evening prayer and sermon—8:00.

Saxon "Sixes" in World's Record Run NEW YORK to 'FRISCO

6 DAYS 18 HOURS 10 MINUTES

Precisely at 10:30 Saturday morning, July 15, a Saxon "Six" swung through the doors of the New York saxon salesroom, sped swiftly through the crowded traffic, crossed the ferry, and with its radiator turned to the west struck into a record-breaking speed.

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